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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 2, 2009. Pursuant to the Requirement, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims for initial examination:

Group I: Claims 1-9, 14-15, and 17-23, drawn to methods for settling disputes, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

Group II: Claims 10-13 and 16, drawn to methods for evaluation/disposition of a claim, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

Applicants hereby elect for examination the claims of Group I; that is, claims 1-9, 14-15, and 17-23, without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject-matter during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1283 of the undersigned.

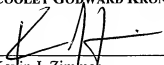
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